



DECLARATION

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

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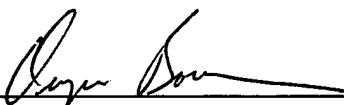
We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "IDENTIFYING THE ITEMS MOST RELEVANT TO A CURRENT QUERY BASED ON ITEMS SELECTED IN CONNECTION WITH SIMILAR QUERIES," the specification of which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 2, 2001 and assigned Application No. 09/847,954 (Attorney Docket No. 249768005US3); and that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in our earlier-filed Application No. 09/665,822 filed September 20, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/041,081 filed March 10, 1998 now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,185,558, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/033,824 filed March 3, 1998, now abandoned.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-entitled specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a), including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application.

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both,

under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.



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